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1. Polish General briefed senior military and Central Committee members November 12 or 13 on Cuban situation. Mikoyan having difficult time dealing with Castro dispute CHICOM "technicians" manning anti-aircraft equipment Cuba. have been Cuba at least 30 days. Presence these "technicians" and

fact they shot down U-2 used as lever by Castro in talks with Mikoyan. CHICOMS, according to General, hoped provoke war by shooting down U-2.

2. General, attempting placate fears about Soviet military strength vis-a-vis United States, played down Soviet backdown Cuba as of little military significance and commented that Soviets now have "clean bomb" which redresses military difference between USSR and United States.

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- 5. Comment: Part of information paragraphs 1 and 2 from who belies story is factual, although possibility exists information was leaked in Polish for bloc self-interest. Whether story true or false, interesting that Soviet-CHICOM power struggle in Cube and need to placate Polish regime fears over military weakness. USSR are underlying themes.

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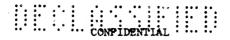
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